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1. The Pátka Munitions depot is twelve kilometers northeast of Székesfehérvár, on the Bicske--Székesfehérvár railroad line. [REDACTED] 25X1B
A road and a side track lead into the depot. The road branches off from the Bicske-Székesfehérvár highway and is barricaded not far from the road junction. Two sentries, armed with machine pistols, are posted here. One can pass only if provided with papers from the district command, in Székesfehérvár.
2. The country around the depot is hilly and partly wooded, and, as a result, observation is difficult. The depot occupies an area of about 500 x 1000 meters. It is surrounded by barbed wire to a height of 2.5 meters. Along the outside of the wire a strip of the woodland is lighted, so that any approach to the wire can be detected. Around this lighted strip there is still another barbed wire barrier. Between the two barriers, patrols move night and day and the area between is lighted at night by searchlights.
3. Storage is in fifty concrete bunkers, each 35 meters long by 15 meters wide by 5 meters high. The bunkers are approached by steps. There are no provisions for mechanical transport. Inside the bunkers, wheelbarrows are used.
4. The Pátka depot is mainly used to store artillery and air force ammunition. There are, however, some hand grenades and mines, together with a small quantity of other ammunition. Materiel in storage is sometimes removed by rail, sometimes by truck. The place is approached only by night and under Soviet supervision.
5. There is a guard of about a hundred men. This is a Hungarian unit from Székesfehérvár. Guards are armed with machine pistols.

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